

Kasaan Elder

Kasaan Alaska JUN 25 1945  
June 2, 1945

Mrs. Paul Prouty  
Dear Sir,

I got a letter from  
Rev. Swogger May 26, 1945 asking  
us here if we would like to have you  
and the two teachers come here June 10

We sure would like to  
have you and the teachers come over

Rev. Railsbeck has  
been coming here every Monday  
for quite some time glad to have  
him come a lot of the Cannery  
Workers has been attending  
Railsbeck's services. And Miss Kelso  
is planning to stay here this summer  
to teach Sunday school.

Sincerely  
Healy Jones



*File  
Coast Guard Folder*

July 21, 1945

VIA AIRMAIL

Transportation Officer  
United States Coast Guard  
Ketchikan, Alaska

Dear Sir:

We have been making an effort this summer to supply preaching services in our Church in the village of Kasaan, Alaska. This village is small and we have not been able to get a person to live at Kasaan to provide this service. We have asked The Rev. Edward D. Freeman, Pastor of our Church at Ketchikan, to go over to Kasaan for a Monday evening service. This is the time of the week which fits in best with the fishing and canning plans of the village. Mr. Freeman was able to get some of the fishing boats to take him over but finds now that they have all gone and he is unable to get this form of transportation. We are wondering if it is possible for the Coast Guard to combine any necessary business at Kasaan with Mr. Freeman's visit on Monday evening so that he can have the privilege of transportation with the Coast Guard for this ministry?

This is a temporary situation and we would greatly appreciate the help of the Coast Guard in supplying these services.

Sincerely yours,

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary  
Unit of Work in Alaska

JEJ:FK

CC The Rev. Edward D. Freeman, Ketchikan, Alaska



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Copy - Excerpt from Narrative July 1945 Report

✓ Kasaan - Perm. File

Following Paul Prouty's work in Kasaan, we are going over on whatever boat we can find each Monday and conducting services for the people there. The response has been encouraging and I think by all means that my services on Monday nights should be only a temporary expediency. As soon as possible there should be a day worker on the field.

Transportation is difficult as there are no regular runs between Ketchikan and Kasaan. All the fishing boats are gone now. I have requested transportation from the Coast Guard, but have had no reply to my request. Maybe a little pressure from above might help. There is plenty of precedent for it. The Coast Guards transport the Catholic priest from Wrangell to Petersburg every week.



*Coast Guard*

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

AUG 9 1945

KETCHIKAN, ALASKA

ADDRESS REPLY TO  
DISTRICT COAST GUARD OFFICER (OVO)  
SEVENTEENTH NAVAL DISTRICT  
REFER TO FILE: CG-64

1 August, 1945

Board of National Missions of the  
Presbyterian Church in the United States  
156 Fifth Avenue  
New York 10, New York

Attn: J. Earl Jackman

Gentlemen:

Subj: Request for transportation to Kasaan Village, Alaska

This will acknowledge your letter of 24 July, 1945, in which you inquire as to the possibility of the Coast Guard furnishing transportation for Reverend Edward D. Freeman, Pastor of the Presbyterian Church, Ketchikan, on a weekly basis from Ketchikan to Kasaan Bay.

You are advised that at present the Coast Guard maintains no regular schedule of boat transportation to Kasaan Bay or vicinity, nor do we presently have available sufficient boats to permit us to handle your requirements.

Occasionally the Coast Guard does have official business to transact at or near Kasaan, possibly no more than three or four times per year, and on such trips the Reverend Freeman is most welcome to accompany us. Should, in the near future, the occasion arise which might necessitate the addition of a regular patrol schedule in or near Kasaan Bay, the Coast Guard would be more than pleased to provide Reverend Freeman, as well as members of his immediate staff, with transportation.

A copy of this letter is being sent to Reverend Freeman, suggesting that he keep in touch with our Operations Officer in connection with the latter suggestion.

Yours very truly,

*G. W. MacLane*

G. W. MacLANE  
Captain, USCG  
District Coast Guard Officer

CC:  
Reverend E. D. Freeman,  
Ketchikan, Alaska

*Copy of this sent 8/2/45*



*Kasaan Church*

OCTOBER 23, 1945

VIA AIRMAIL

Mr. Healy Jones  
Kasaan, Alaska

My dear Mr. Jones:

After several years we are happy to send Miss Emma Stauffer to you as your missionary-in-charge of the Church. Miss Stauffer has had a great experience working among the Eskimos and leading them to Christ. We know that she will devote herself to the welfare of your people with all her consecrated spirit.

We are asking your people to give her the greatest cooperation in bringing the message of Christ to all of the village.

Miss Stauffer's work in Kasaan is in the nature of an experiment. It was thought that there were not enough people in Kasaan for us to send a missionary but we want you to know that we are thinking of your welfare and hoping that Christ may come into the lives of all of the people of the village. If the people will respond to Miss Stauffer's ministry, we shall consider the continuation of a missionary living in Kasaan. If her work is not supported then we would take her away after a period of time.

We want the people of Kasaan to share in her support. While her salary is being paid through the office in New York through the gifts of other people, we are asking your people to raise the sum of \$100. this winter to help in her salary. You may raise this and give it to her in a lump sum or you may pay it to her monthly as the offerings are received in the Church. We are asking her to give us a report of your response. Also we would like you to give her as much help as possible in repairing the Church and keeping it in good condition. It will be her desire to want a nice Church for you and we hope you will work together on this.

May the Lord bless all of you in this new opportunity to bring the message of Christ to the people of Kasaan.

Cordially yours,

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary  
Unit of Work in Alaska

JEJ:FK



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Board of National Missions  
of the Presbyterian Church in the  
United States of America

156 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, N. Y.

January 4, 1946

VIA AIRMAIL

The Rev. Edward D. Freeman  
Box #46  
Ketchikan, Alaska

Dear Ed:

Following up my letter to you in December, we have been able to complete the salary adjustment program which we presented to the Board. Your salary will be on the basis of the minimum rate of \$2000. a year and furnished manse. Under the recent action of the Board there will also be a high cost of living adjustment of \$400. making the total salary \$2400. Of this amount we are expecting the Church to pay \$600. and the Board \$1800.

We wrote to one of your officers asking the Church to consider and act upon the \$600. You notified us that no such letter had been received and we in turn wrote to five of your officers concerning this request. We have received no report concerning this action from them. One of your reports indicates that you received \$50. for that month and we are wondering if they have started to pay you at the rate of \$50. a month toward your support. We are concerned about this because we committed ourselves to your support and want to be sure that you are getting what you are supposed to receive.

On this salary adjustment business, I should tell you that it is well to say as little about it as possible. It is not a general adjustment nor of the same amount for each particular minister. You benefit as much as anyone because of the situation in which you live.

The Board also has made available to us the sum of \$8000. for the purchase of a manse in Ketchikan. Again may I suggest that you look around for a suitable house without giving any publicity to this. I am coming up in April and hope to be able to make some provision for this.

Since we have reoccupied Kasaan, we have been investigating the ownership of our property there. On our current records it appears



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as Board-owned property. Our investigation has brought up an old record that the deed had been destroyed. Mention is then made that the property was sold to a Dan Nelson but no record of this was made. The most recent word is that the local Church has occupancy rights but we have no documents on file covering this. We are wondering if the ownership record on this might be in Ketchikan. Without revealing this information which we are giving you, will you look it up and see what you can find or tell us where the record would be kept? It is going to be necessary for us to put some money on the property to renovate it and we ought to be aware of our ownership before we spend too much.

We are looking forward to Presbytery and we have decided to rededicate the Princeton-Hall at the meeting of Presbytery. This seems the appropriate time and place when we will have so many delegates from various churches all together.

Kindest personal regards!

Cordially yours,

JEJ:PK

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary  
Unit of Work in Alaska



Kasaan, Al.

MEMORANDUM

January 21, 1946

To - Mr. Tribus  
From Dr. Jackman  
Re: Kasaan, Alaska

Miss Emma Stauffer who is our mission worker at Kasaan, Alaska has raised a question about the ownership of our Church and manse in that place. Miss Dawson has given us some information concerning it and we have inquired through our minister The Rev. Edward Freeman at Ketchikan. Mr. Freeman is unable to find any record of ownership either by the Board or by said Dan Nelson whose name enters into the procedure according to the records which we have here.

The clerk in the office in Ketchikan said there was no record of the ownership of the property by any one and there was no other place he knew of where any record could be found. Is it possible for us to find out any more information here and file a claim in the Ketchikan office concerning our ownership of the property?

JEJ:FK

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary  
Unit of Work in Alaska



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To - J. Earl Jackman

From L.H. Tribus

Re \* Kasaan, Alaska

Immediately upon receipt of your memorandum of Jan. 21st with reference to the above captioned property, I delved into our records to see what I could learn about the situation.

I find in the files an old deed, dated Sept. 14, 1912, purporting to convey to the Board of Home Missions the following property:

"One lot, size fifty feet front and one hundred feet back, and one two-room one-storey small cottage, with two adjoining sheds, known as the John V. Baronovich residence at Kasaan, Alaska. The said property is located on the front street about fifty feet from the high tide line and on the southwest corner of the front street, and the beginning and only street leading up to the church."

This deed was given by Lela Baronovich to Rev. L. F. Jones, Stated Clerk, Alaska Presbytery, and was recorded in the office of the Recorder of Ketchikan Recording District No. 8 on Nov. 14, 1912, in Vol. E of Deeds, page 99, being Instrument No. 2016.

The property was never conveyed to the Board of National Missions and I find a notation in the files that the Board of National Missions never accepted conveyance of the property on the ground that it was absolutely worthless, and further that apparently the property had been sold to one Dan Nelson. The following is a copy of notation which appears in our files:

"The attached deed for property at Kasaan, Alaska, was enclosed in a letter from Rev. Dr. Robert J. Diven, dated Feb. 8th, 1929. As I do not like to hold it in our office, I am sending it down to you with the following quotation from Dr. Diven's letter:

The bit of property represented by the enclosed deed, which was not eligible for record, isn't worth a clams! And besides its lack of value, the Board doesn't own it; Dr. Condit sold it long ago, so all traditions say, and evidence to support tradition available. Please hand same to Dr. Brauer with the above declaration and assurance."

I also find a report sent by the Chairman of the National Missions Committee of the Presbytery of Alaska, dated July 24, 1925, with reference to the property, which states:

"No one owns this property at present. It is government property."

I also find a Bond given by the Kasaan Presbyterian Church to the Board of National Missions, which recites that the church is erected on land within the U.S. Forestry Reserve and title thereto is in the Federal government and cannot now be secured. This Bond was given as sort of



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security for an advance of some \$1500.00 made by the Board to the church some time in 1925 for building purposes.

I have no further information and I would suggest that the proper procedure would be to place the matter in the hands of Faulkner & Banfield or Howard D. Stabler, attorneys of Juneau, Alaska, for further investigation and report.

Lucien H. Tribus  
Lucien H. Tribus

LHT/MT



ALASKA  
PERM. FILE

original copy in file of The Rev. Samuel G. Davis - rec'd 5/5/46

C O P Y

Hydaburg, Alaska Feb. 23, 1946

J. Earl Jackman, Sec.  
Unit of Work in Alaska

We build the Church with the peoples money at Kasaan.

I build the manse myself the Presbytery gave the money  
through Rev. Falconer.

The ground was given by the church - only lumber was  
furnished by Alaska Presbytery that is all I do.

I think I made report to the Presbytery all the work in  
Kasaan I build both the buildings myself.

This all I can do - past my 80 now and beginning  
less little of my mine still hang on.

Kind wishes

Yours truly,

(signed) Samuel G. Davis.



*Handwritten: Susan Miller*

MEMORANDUM

To - - Miss Gillespie  
From - Dr. Jackman

February 26, 1946

We have asked Mr. Howell to investigate the possible purchase of a used non-electric sewing machine in Seattle but have not had a report from him concerning it. We asked him to confer with the office before making any agreement to purchase so that there would be no complications and we are under no obligation to him if the women of Butler Presbytery are ready with a machine.

The machine should be shipped prepaid freight by way of the Northland Transportation Company at Seattle and the West Coast Lines from Ketchikan. It should be marked, Miss Emma Stauffer, Presbyterian Mission, Kasaan, Alaska.

Miss Stauffer may have an extra freight charge to pay at the other end because freight is shipped by rail on the basis of pounds but in sea transportation by a combination of weight and size. On light articles we usually find there is an extra fee to be paid on the ship. An adjustment on this can be made later.

We are glad to know that Miss Stauffer is to have this machine because she can make excellent use of it.

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary  
JEJ:FK Unit of Work in Alaska



Kasaan, Alaska

Kasaan, Alaska

Please give receipt to Room #711

FK per



BOARD OF NATIONAL MISSIONS  
REMITTANCE BLANK

March-15, 1946

To the Treasurer

BOARD OF NATIONAL MISSIONS

of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.

156 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed find P.O. Money Order for \$ 20.00

for NATIONAL MISSIONS to be credited to

Lay-Worker's salary.

Please check whether Church

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Kasaan, Alaska.

Sunday School ☐

Youth Budget ☐

Presbytery of

Alaska.

Designated for

Lay-Worker's Salary.

Designated for

Please acknowledge receipt to:

Name

Emma M. Stauffer

Address

Kasaan.

Alaska.



Kasaan Ch.

March 28, 1946

20.- Money Order

Miss Emma Stauffer

Kasaan, Alaska

Presbyterian Church

Kasaan, Alaska

FIELD RECEIPTS from above named church - Alaska Presbytery

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Unit of Work in Alaska  
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*Handwritten: Kasaan*

Board of National Missions  
of the Presbyterian Church in the  
United States of America

156 Fifth Avenue New York 10, N. Y.

June 20 '46

Hoonah, Aaa.

Dear Earl;

Referring to Kasaan matters.

The canning season had not yet begun, about 50 men were installing a new line of machinery, the Pacific American Fisheries corporation is making it ready for two to three hundred employees according to the fish run.

As yet a really clear picture of the value of continuing our development is not to be had. But we at least had to put things in shape so the roofs would not leak and make the buildings habitable.

> The town voters put in their first post-war officers for the Council. We were present at the meeting and they agreed - in September to repair the church, and supply the labor and one half the cash cost of materials on both church and manse. We put our investment in the manse and they will now need to show their good faith on the church building which they claim title to. I believe they will. The whole discussion was pleasant and readily they agreed to do their part when the canning season income was on hand.

Miss Stauffer is a grand sacrificial soul. Her labors are great and she accomplishes much in the property development. Her home visitation is also to be appreciated. Her poor hearing is her public worship service, or class teaching, handicap. For a "Singspiration" period, when a congregation chooses hymns there is some confusion getting the number of the chosen hymn to be understood and announced by her. The Childrens Day program was a decided disappointment. Children whispered low just like Miss Stauffer and their parents could not hear them nor could anyone else. If Haines or someplace, could use Miss Stauffers nursing abilities it would be well so to employ her.

The people at Kasaan will object to a Klinket (Thlinget) layworker. Sam Davis of Hydaburg explained that to me. Someone will turn up of course if the Lord wants our work to continue. A leader in Kasaan susceptible to drink would have hard sledding. Hard drinking is almost the rule there.

Miss S. has a fine garden started and the hose was watering it when we left. Will go back in July or Aug. for special

services

Sincerely - Paul



Kasaan  
ALASKA  
PERM. FILE 6/25/46

~~6-25-1947~~ per inf. from Mr. Prouty re: KASAAN, ALASKA

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noted 7-25-1946  
per FK



*Kasaan*  
Board of National Missions  
of the Presbyterian Church in the  
United States of America

156 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, N.Y.

September 16, 1946

VIA AIRMAIL

The Rev. Alfred D. Swogger  
Metlakatla  
Alaska

Dear Mr. Swogger:

In accordance with the arrangements by Mr. Webster and Mr. Prouty, we are sending you a check for \$100. for expenses on the Kasaan field. If Mr. Williams is serving the month there temporarily, we understand that Mr. Prouty ought to be reimbursed to the extent of \$25. for the food supplies which he purchased and the other \$75. ought to be given to Mr. Williams as a token of appreciation for his willingness to help us in an emergency. If he does not serve there during the month then retain the check and return it to us.

Cordially yours,

JEJ:PK

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary  
Unit of Work in Alaska

Enc. Chk. #72643-\$100.-



INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE  
BOARD OF NATIONAL MISSIONS

OCT 18 1946  
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TO Dr. Earl Jackman  
FROM Lucien H. Tribus  
RE: Kasaan, Alaska Property

DATB October 17, 1946

In checking over our Alaskan Holdings for the purpose of taking care of filing proper Workmen's Compensation Notices in all of our Alaskan properties, I find the attached information on the Kasaan property. Our files do not indicate who holds title. Possibly you can cast some light on this situation.

*Lucien H. Tribus*  
Lucien H. Tribus

lht/ar  
Att.



DEED: Dated January 3, 1929

GRANTOR: Board of Home Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.

Consideration: \$1.00

Recorded: (see below)

*Deed withdrawn by Bd. of Home  
missions - returned to them and  
destroyed 10/10/29*

Description:

ALL the following described property, situate, lying and being in the Town of Kasaan, District of Alaska, to wit:-

One lot, size fifty feet front and one hundred feet back, and one two-room one-story small cottage, with two adjoining sheds, known as the John V. Baronovich residence at Kasaan, Alaska. The said property is located on the front street about fifty feet from the high tide line and on the southwest corner of the front street, and the beginning and only street leading up to the church, being the same property conveyed to the party of the first part by a conveyance dated September 14th, 1912 by Lelah Baronovich, which Conveyance was filed for record in the Office of the Ketchikan Recording District No. 8, and recorded on the 14th day of November, 1912 in Vol. E of Deeds, page 99.

History:

Buildings on this property

Church Valued at . . . . .	\$1,200.	
Manse " " . . . . .	\$1,500.	Church Erection Interest - \$780.16

On February 21, 1929 Dr. Diven Reported:

"The bit of property represented by the enclosed deed, which was not eligible for record, isn't worth a claim: And besides its lack of value, the Board doesn't own it: Dr. Dondit sold it long ago, so all traditions say, and evidence to support tradition available. Please hand same to Dr. Brauer with the above declaration and assurance."

**Note:** Report rec'd. this property sold to Dan Nelson, no record of Nelson's Deed.

Church and manse at this place, on property to which local church say they have occupancy right only, no documents on file for it.



ALASKA  
PERM. FILE

MEMORANDUM

November 19, 1946

To - - Mr. Tribus  
From - Dr. Jackman  
Re: ① Kasaan, Alaska property

In response to your inquiry about the ownership of the church and manse in Kasaan, Alaska, we tried to find out something about this two years ago. We asked our ministers of Metlakatla and Ketchikan to go to the court records and see if they could discover who owned the property. They could find no record of ownership.

I have visited Kasaan and from the description of the John V. Baronovich residence, I would say this property is no longer in existence.

In our search of some record of the length of service of the Rev. Sam Davis who is now retired and living in the village of Hyakaburg, Sam told us that he built the manse in Kasaan when he was there. It is generally understood in the village that the church building belongs to the village but it is a Presbyterian Church and we have responsibility for it. It needs some repair and while it is valued at \$1200. it could not be replaced for \$10,000.

Our manse there has had some repair on it recently. Miss Emma Stauffer occupied it last winter but is no longer there. It has three rooms downstairs and three rooms upstairs. Located in any other place it would be valued at more than \$1500. and certainly could not be replaced for \$5000. It is quite possible that we do not own the land on which it stands but I should think we ought to file a claim of ownership for the buildings since no present claim seems to exist in the federal records.

We shall be glad to do anything else on this you may request.

JEJ:FK

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary  
Unit of Work in Alaska



# ALASKA PERM. FILE

*Kasson, Secretary*

Noted 9/11/46 per Dec. 21, 1945 accounting sent to Treasury for transfer of \$406.90 expended by Mr. Prouty out of Princeton-Hall Funds in Alaska and charged to Bldg. & Repair Acct. (D.S.#2553-\$300. and D.S.#649-\$106.90) and credited to Princeton-Hall Depreciation Fund in Treasury.

## Following bills in Treasury:

Alaska Steamship Company - 1 ctn. stve ppe; 1 crte. stve.....	\$	3.99
Ketchikan Spruce Mills - 40 feet C Spruce.....		3.30
Tongass Trading Co. - 1 sledge hammer.....	\$1.45	
1 scythestone.....	.35	
1 sledge handles ....	1.00	2.80
" " " - 1 D.S.Glass 30 x 28.....	2.00	
1 can putty .....	.65	
1 glazier points .....	.05	
1 box (?) .....	1.25	
3 #8d com. nails .....	.36	
10 #20d " " .....	1.20	
3 #8d " " .....	.36	
2 #3d com. gaw .....	.24	
1 lantern #2 .....	2.25	
6 generators .....	3.30	
3 doz. mantles .....	3.60	
1 lantern coleman .....	9.50	
1 5 gal. blazo .....	2.00	
1 S. box handle .....	.80	
1 splitting wedge .....	2.00	
1 wrecking bar .....	.95	30.5a
" " " 1 can opener .....	1.75	
1 brush .....	.35	
1 ash tray .....	.75	
1 mirror & hanger .....	1.35	
1 mat set .....	.85	
1 platter.....	1.75	
3 plates .....	1.35	
2 bowls .....	1.00	
1 bowl .....	1.10	
1 pitcher .....	1.00	
1 cream and sugar .....	1.70	12.95
" " " 6 brooms.....	10.50	
2 wash tubs .....	4.80	
1 wash board .....	1.15	
2 pie tins .....	.20	
4 bread pans .....	.80	
1 funnel .....	.20	
1 cake pan .....	.15	
1 bucket - 12 qt. ....	1.70	
1 mop handle .....	.25	
1 mop head .....	1.40	
1 st silver .....	10.50	
1 chicken fryer .....	5.25	
1 kettle .....	.90	

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Kassan bills paid etc.

Tongass Trading Co.	-	1 double boiler.....	\$1.15	
		2 spoons	1.90	
		1 cake turner	.35.....	\$ 41.20
"	"	" - 14 lengths 6 black	<u>4.90</u>	
		stove pipe		
		1 length 7 to 6	.50	
		2 6" elbows	.90	
		1 bed daveno	145.00	
		1 living chair	65.-	
		10 <del>swing-chair</del> 38" window shades	17.-	
		1 60" window shade	5.50	
		4 chairs	30.00	
		1 table	27.50	
		1 stone board	3.00	
		1 mirror	6.00	305.30
"	"	" 2 6" dampers	<u>.50</u>	
		1 7 to 6 stove pipe	.50	1.00
"	"	" 1 grass scythe	<u>.95</u>	
		1 " "	.50	1.45
"	"	" 2 safety hasps	<u>1.00</u>	
		1 pitch	1.10	
		1 pump	.55	
		5 gal kerosene	1.75	
		2 locks	<u>.20</u>	4.40
FK				\$406.90 Total



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Board of National Missions  
of the Presbyterian Church in the  
United States of America

156 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, N. Y.

November 27, 1946

VIA AIRMAIL

H. L. Faulkner, Esq.  
Faulkner and Banfield  
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Mr. Faulkner:

In the village of Kasaan in southeastern Alaska there is a Presbyterian church and a manse next to it. Our Board is carrying insurance in the amount of \$1250. on the manse and \$1500. on the church. Both of these amounts represent a very small part of the replacement costs or even the value of the church and house if they were in some other place.

During a visit to the village, I received the impression that it is considered the church belongs to the village and the house belongs to the Board of National Missions. We have asked our minister in Ketchikan to search the records there to find any evidence of ownership but he has been unable to locate anything.

Someone has indicated to me that there is a movement on for the whole village of Kasaan to vacate and move some other place. In this case the church and manse would be valueless but if the village remains where it is we ought to have some record of ownership of the property.

Do you have any suggestion which we might follow for establishing a claim to the property which is there now? We understand that the Rev. Sam Davis who is now a retired missionary in Hyaburg built the manse during his service there. We do not have a complete statement on the building of the church. A word from you would be appreciated.

Cordially yours,

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary  
Unit of Work in Alaska

JEJ:FK



DEC 9 1946

FAULKNER AND BANFIELD  
ATTORNEYS AT LAW  
JUNEAU, ALASKA

December 3, 1946

Mr. J. Earl Jackman, Secretary  
Unit of Work in Alaska  
Board of Missions, Presbyterian Church  
156 Fifth Ave.  
New York 10, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Jackman:

I have just received your letter  
of November 27th about the buildings at Kasaan.

I know nothing about these build-  
ings and I would not know where to turn to find any  
information. I agree with you that you should have  
some record of ownership of the property.

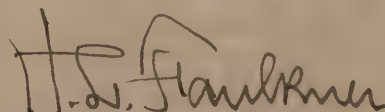
Of course if there is absolutely no  
record anywhere the only way you can claim ownership  
is to occupy the property. You did not say whether  
there was anyone occupying the property.

I feel quite sure the Board built  
the Church building and would no doubt own it although  
it is strange that you do not have any record of it.  
They probably built the manse also and should own that,  
unless they have abandoned it and someone else has  
occupied it long enough to be considered the owner.

It is very difficult for me to  
advise you but I should think all you would need to  
do at present to claim the property is to take posses-  
sion of it. Of course I do not know whether you are in  
a position to do that or not. If you have no evidence  
of title the whole thing would hinge upon whether you  
have possession.

With best regards, I am

Sincerely yours,



H. L. FAULKNER

HLF/R

AIR MAIL



## KASAAN.

Elder Joe Johnson took his boat the "Hustler", a sturdy medium size seine boat and we went on Monday, after a severe storm Sunday to Kasaan. A Mrs. Murphy, former teacher in Kasaan, and another couple who have been going to Kasaan for the Christian church during the summer, had requested to go along but when they got outside their homes and felt the weather, decided not to go. Elwin Wright, son of Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Wright, is teaching school this year in Kasaan.

With his bride to help him, he is doing a grand job of bringing discipline and order to childrens lives out there. There are 22, including the kindergarten. With pre-school and all there are nearly thirty. The adult population is the most nearly stable I have ever seen them. Less drinking, more busy-ness, the P.A.F. company is continuing to build addition to the cannery until winter stops them. At least until the 20th of Nov. A copper, iron, and special metals mine is planning opening an operation ten miles up in the mountain from Kasaan, in the Spring.

Three boats have been built in the 40-50 ft. seine boat class, in the past two ~~xxx~~ years. Former Elder Louis Jones and sons, being the builders. They have a covered boat shed and ship and are beginning a fourth boat. Living is easy in the Kasaan, Karta Bay area. Drift wood and logs, even from the fir belt of the Pacific Northwest drift flush against the Kasaan shore in quantity enough for a village of a couple hundred people, or more. Deer abound. Trapping in season is good. Karta Bay is a sockeye salmon area, Karta river falling from a splendid power possibility, and which was given extra special consideration two years ago, and is reasonably certain of another consideration. The schoolhouse Monday eve was jammed. More than forty people present. I showed slide pictures.

Next trip I will take 200 feet of electric wire to attach the church to the school light plant. Then we will have evening services in the church. It cost me \$20.00 for Joe's boat round trip. The plane fare is \$23.00 round trip, with movie equipment, excess baggage, extra. Joe says he gets \$25.00 for the use of his boat, round trip, Katchikan to Metlakatla, less than half the travel time to Kasaan.

Al  
Kasaan Dr.

Taken from 11/8/50 letter  
from Paul Prouty, Hetchikan, Al.



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Visited with Mr. Peters the cannery superintendent. The church is in fair repair, but the house should have a temporary paper roof and the windows boarded up. All of the glass is gone in these casings. The Territorial school will be continued this year. There will be 35 or 40 people there through the winter. If money is available for closing in this property a work crew could do it this fall via the F-H.

8-6-51 Letter of R.F. Armstrong

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rec'd 6/30/52 from  
Clayton M. Shotwell  
Chew Armstrong

STATEMENT OF CONDITIONS OF CHURCH AND MANSE

KASAAN ALASKA

CHURCH

Entrance - top of window completely gone  
Sanctuary - 1 pane out of 1 window  
fair shape generally considering everything - needs  
cleaning up - especially side room  
Roof - several holes at point of roof will leak quite a bit

MANSE

(Faces South)

Entrance - window partly out - 1 pane gone  
Front Room - Front door not there at all  
East window - glass gone in both panes  
East Room - Both panes of the upper part of the windows are gone  
6 small panes broken  
6 are good  
Kitchen - All panes of both windows broken  
Back door to woodshed has 2 panes broken out (wood)  
Door under sink is off but there  
Upstairs - Stairway window is gone  
All larger window panes are broken  
3 small panes broken  
1 small pane is cracked  
Roof - Condition is very bad- part that comes over the front of  
house is gone completely - 2x4's stick out alone with  
nothing across them. Leaks terribly upstairs.  
Furnishings - 1 sink downstairs  
1 Sink upstairs None connected and condition  
1 tub upstairs is probably worthless.  
1 table - broken, but could be used.  
Manse is littered with papers, magazines, cans, and junk of various  
kinds. It is one big mess throughout. Walls are in bad shape  
also.

Submitted by,  
Clayton M. Shotwell  
June 25, 1952



Excerpt from letter to Rev. R.R. Armstrong from C.M. Shotwell June 27, 1952  
Survey of Kasaan Impressions of Hollywood Caravaners

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Going back to Kasaan as I didn't tell all I should have. Mr. Peters, the superintendent of the PAC cannery, will let them live in one of the small cabins and will provide some provisions. Various families have promised to invite them to two or more meals and see that things are taken for them. The best time for the school would be starting on the 14th for two weeks. The canning season opens the 4th of August, and it wouldn't be too good then they think and the cabin might not be available then. If these dates are not satisfactory, the dates they can have should be known soon.



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I flew over to Kasaan on Wednesday, and it was a most interesting day for me. I was told when I left that the plane would stop back at about 3:30, but it didn't come until almost 7:30. So I had a good opportunity for really visiting with many people- both the Natives and many of the white men at the cannery. It was a beautiful day, but a strong wind came up late in the afternoon, and going out to the plane in a little skiff in the big waves was quite an experience.

The people of Kasaan are very happy that there will be a Bible School and that something may be done to provide church services once in a while. Something is needed very much, and I will be glad to go over there as often as you and Dr. Jackman want me to and can get the money for transportation. The round trip by plane costs \$23.00. I was told that the mail boat charges about \$5.00 one way. It goes over and back on Saturdays- sometimes Sundays. The times it goes on Sundays can never be predicted though or counted on, and they leave here around 9:00 and stay in Kasaan about an hour only.

I do not pretend to know all about the situation over there in one visit, but I do have some ideas about it. I feel confident that both you and Dr. Jackman feel the same way generally. The field is a needy one, and it is regrettable that someone can't be there. There just aren't enough people in the village through the year. It might be a good thing if it could be arranged to have a student there for the summer next year. He could do something like Bob Blade at Klawock this summer- carry on the work but also do work on the buildings. It is interesting and pathetic how some people think about their church. The people over there want to have religious services - especially for the young children, but they do nothing on their own to provide them. All that has been done since Miss Stauffer was there was what Freeman did on his visits and what Railsback, a minister of the Church of Christ in Ketchikan, did with his plane. They have done nothing to have any kind of Sunday School. I think that something can be worked out after the Bible School team is there to find some leadership to continue, but it won't be started unless it is started for them.

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The same thing holds true in their ideas about the church and manse buildings. They think that it is awful that the manse is in such a terrible condition, but nothing has been done by them to even clean up the mess that has been made through the years since Miss Stauffer lived in it. The place is a disgrace, but they haven't done a thing. They had heard that the P-H was coming in October and that some work was to be done on the roof of the manse. You will remember that you were here and it was shortly after we arrived. Bad weather and Cyrus, Jr.'s illness kept Cy from getting down so we could go over. They knew why we were coming over, but they did nothing themselves and it went through another year just getting worse.

I hope that this doesn't sound like I think that nothing should be done because I want to do all I possibly can. It is a long process to change the thinking of those for whom things have been done and have had things given to them. Some time does need to be spent this fall though just to patch up some of the worst places at least, and I think that some of the men would help us. I will put the specific things concerning the manse and the church on a separate sheet so that both you and Dr. Jackman will have it. Perhaps you have it and I know that you know the general condition of them.



Board of National Missions  
of the Presbyterian Church in the  
United States of America

156 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, N.Y.

September 21, 1954

Rev. John E. Grissett  
Craig, Alaska

Dear John:

We have received your letters of August 12 and September 7 regarding the financial arrangements with the Ketchikan Church and your new program centered in Craig.

We understand from Dr. Armstrong that in a meeting of the Presbytery you were definitely assigned the responsibility for ministering to Kasan and to the logging community of Hollis. It is understood that you should in your program make plans for the regular visits to these communities once a month and send us the bill for your transportation to them.

Regarding the condition of the manse in Kasan, we have made provision for as much as \$600 for repairs in the manse in order to make it available for housing for you when you visit there and to hold services on the first floor instead of trying to keep the old church building in useable condition for such a small number of people. This may be a major operation and you should consult with Dr. Armstrong and Dick Nelson about it.

We hope that you can find a place in Hollis to hold services and certainly you want to do alot of visiting among the people there.

On the Plymouth Suburban, we are willing to take the Blue Book sales price as a basis for a transfer to Paul Moser. The procedure on this would be to have him pay you one half of the book value of the car which represents your interest in it and to make out a statement to the Board of National Missions which would acknowledge the other half as the equity which the Board has in it.

On the matter of your moving from Ketchikan to Craig you should bill us for the one-way fare which is our responsibility for the move.

Our records here and your summary of the financial conditions between you, the Ketchikan Church and the Board show that there have been negligence on this. This so frequently happens when we underwrite the entire salary of the missionary pastor and depend upon the missionary and the church to see to it that the church does its part. We would urge greater diligence upon you in this matter in your relation to the church at Craig. They should

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Re: John E. Grissett, Craig, Alaska.....Page 2.....September 21, 1954

be paying \$75 a month for your services which you should forward along with \$7.76 a month for pension premiums to us with your monthly report. This should be paid by the church to you just as regularly as each month passes and you should make a specific point to take care of it promptly along with your report.

Your father was in the office last week and I had a very nice visit with him. He is concerned to have more information about you and your activities on the field. You ought to try to write him frequently and in more detail about what you are doing. Your contacts with others by mail and personally could be improved a great deal. We trust that you will give some attention to it.

Cordially yours,

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary  
Dept. of Work in Alaska

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cc: Dr. R. R. Armstrong



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# Board of National Missions of the Presbyterian Church In the United States of America

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THE REV. BRIAN H. CLEWORTH

ASSISTANT SECRETARY

BOX 2539, JUNEAU, ALASKA

March 10, 1958

Dr. J. Earl Jackman  
156 Fifth Avenue  
New York 10, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Jackman:

Last fall when I accompanied the Princeton-Hall on a visit to Kasaan I met the new school teacher there, a Mrs. Brewer. Her husband is with her and is doing odd jobs in the community and is also an ordained Assembly of God preacher. Both Dick Stussi and I talked with him regarding his plans for starting a work in Kasaan. He said that all he would want to do is to start a Sunday School, which he has in their own quarters in the school. Their daughter is a student at Sheldon Jackson.

On subsequent visits by the Princeton-Hall they have found the Brewers very cooperative and have supported any services we have held in Kasaan. On the last visit of the Princeton-Hall Mr. Brewer asked Bill Zeiger if it would be possible to use the Presbyterian Church to hold the Sunday School in and also church services. Bill talked with him regarding his intentions of winning over the people to the Assembly of God faith and he denied any intentions of doing this what-so-ever. In fact he would be very willing to use our Faith and Life Curriculum in the Sunday School if we would provide the materials. Bill feels the man is sincere and his only goal is to provide religious training and regular worship services for the people of Kasaan.

I am wondering how you feel, Earl and Paul, about giving permission to Mr. Milford Brewer to conduct services at Kasaan in our building. I feel we ought to have an agreement with the Brewers in writing as to their intentions and a promise to work for the unity of the church and upholding the Presbyterian Denomination. I personally feel that this would be satisfactory to all concerned but I wanted to write to each of you and the National Missions Committee to get any reactions you might have before going ahead.

Sincerely yours,

*Brian*

Brian H. Cleworth

cc Rev. Paul Moser  
Rev. William Zeiger

*Kasaan*

March 13, 1958

The Rev. Brian H. Cleworth  
Box 2539  
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Brian:

In response to your letter about giving Mr. Brewer permission to use the Presbyterian church in Kasaan for holding services, I think the whole matter depends upon the integrity of the man. We have had many occasions when such a permission has been given and the individual has tried to take the work away from us and poison the people against us. If this man seems to be sincere and gives you in writing a statement that he will preserve the unity of the church and have a good attitude toward the Presbyterian Church, he ought to be given this permission. Also if there is no resource there for curriculum materials, we would be willing to provide Faith and Life materials for their use without cost.

If Mr. Brewer belongs to the Assembly of God of Anderson, Indiana, he then does belong to a cooperating body which is a member of the National Council. He should be cooperative.

If this permission is given, I think the mission motorship should call there just the same to give him help, fellowship, and occasional oversight as to what is being done there.

Regards to all of you involved.

Cordially yours,

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary  
Dept. of Work in Alaska

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CC : The Rev. Paul Moser, Box 46, Ketchikan, Alaska  
The Rev. William Zeiger, Box 2539, Juneau, Alaska



Rev. Brian Cleworth  
Juncos, Aca

May 18/58  
Kasaan, Aca

Dear Rev. Cleworth:

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Rev. Paul Moyer wrote  
a letter to the Peavies in Kasaan,  
regarding the manse here, which  
I would like to buy. We were  
advised to write you concerning  
the possible sale.

After looking it over  
carefully, today, I find that a  
good deal of work will be necessary  
to make it livable. Windows  
have been broken or taken out  
and the roof has apparently  
leaked for a number of years  
which has caused the floor to  
buckle and the plaster board  
to sag. In fact if something  
isn't done this summer, it  
will be beyond repair.

In view of the necessary  
work and expense entailed in repairing,  
would you consider \$250.00 as a fair price?

Waiting for a reply from your  
room, I am,

Sincerely yours  
James Van Tolkenburg  
Kasaan Road  
To Mr R. A. Peavey

Dear -

I do not know the value of the property but I agree  
that it is just determinate, and any offer is better  
than none. I am sure it is worth more but there is not  
much market for such property or building.

I would approve sale or negotiation for sale.  
Yours

Please answer from there!



BOARD OF NATIONAL MISSIONS  
OF THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN  
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BOX 2539 - JUNEAU, ALASKA

MAY 26 1958

*5/20 cc to Dr. J.*

May 21, 1958

Mr. James Van Volkenburg  
c/o Mr. R. A. Peavey  
Kasaan, Alaska

Dear Mr. Van Volkenburg:

I have received your letter of inquiry regarding the purchase of the Presbyterian Manse in Kasaan, Alaska. Thank you for writing me concerning this.

The condition of this property was discussed at the meeting of Alaska Presbytery this spring and it was agreed that if any persons are interested in purchasing this property that we would give it serious consideration.

I am sending your letter on to our New York office for their consideration and decision. I do not know the evaluation of the property and building so as to judge whether \$250.00 is a fair price. I have asked Dr. Jackman to follow up on this with our property office and write you directly concerning this.

Thank you for writing me about this.

Sincerely yours,

Brian H. Cleworth  
Assistant Secretary

cc Dr. J. Earl Jackman

AUG 11 1958

July 27 '58  
Kasaan A.C.

Dear Sir;

Some time ago  
I wrote you, regarding  
the manse in Kasaan.  
I would like to buy  
it & Mr Cleworth has  
advised me to write  
you again, regarding  
the possible sale.

Since, so much  
work is necessary, &  
would like this sale  
to go through before  
inclement weather sets  
in. My price was \$250.00.  
If this meets with  
your approval, we hope to



Dear [unclear] [unclear] [unclear]  
Very truly yours  
James Van Valkenburg

I understand that  
this price quoted is only  
for the building proper,  
not the land, since  
the land itself belongs  
to the native community  
itself.



*Kasaan*

Dr. Sharp  
Dr. Jackman  
For the Executive Officers

August 1, 1958

The village of Kasaan in southeastern Alaska has been a community of Indians for many years. There was a cannery therewhich operated each year, but in recent years, it has not been operating at all. We formerly had a missionary, but since the population has declined, we have not tried to place a worker there but have served the community occasionally from Ketchikan by plane or mail boat, or by occasional stops from the Princeton-Hall. The population of the community is now about 75 people.

In the village there is a church building which is claimed by the local people as theirs. There is a manse which was built years ago by Sam Davis, a native worker, with some funds provided by the Board of National Missions or it's predecessor. A missionary has lived in the manse one year out of the last twenty years. The property has deteriorated badly, the windows are boarded up, and damage has been done to the manse by children of the community. The Presbytery of Alaska has dissolved the church, and has recommended that we sell the manse building. We do not own the land on which it stands. We have not been able to find any record, even of our ownership.

An offer has come for us to consider \$250.00 to sell it. If it were in any other place, and were usable, this <sup>offer</sup> ~~by~~ considered a very small fraction of what it might be worth. However, it would cost us a couple of thousand dollars to move it to a more favorable location, and it is doubtful whether the building would hold together for such a move. I recommend that we correspond with the prospective buyer, make an effort to secure more than the \$250.00, but if we cannot receive more, then to sell it for that amount. Some action on this should be taken this summer if possible.

J. Earl Jackman

JES:EW



*Kasaan*

Mr. Tribus  
Dr. Jackman

August 13, 1958

Several weeks ago we received a communication from Mr. Cleworth that James Von Volkenburg of Kasaan, Alaska desires to purchase the manse of the church in that Indian village which belongs to the Board. We discussed this briefly with Mr. Carson and he had no information about it, and there is no record of this manse in the property records of the Board because we do not own the land on which it stands. Recently a communication was sent to Dr. Sharp asking for the judgement of the Executive officers on the matter of selling the building. We are enclosing this statement. You will notice that he has referred this to Mr. Carson, and after consultation again with us, Mr. Carson has suggested that we sell the building for the best possible price obtainable. We would join in this recommendation to the legal department.

We have taken the occasion to write to Mr. Volkenburg expressing our belief that the building ought to bring more than \$250.00, but actually, we have no choice in this matter because we have no use for the building there, and it could not be moved to another location. We would recommend that you proceed to negotiate for the sale.

In absence of J. Earl Jackman *BL*

J. Earl Jackman,

JEJ:EW

Att: Memo to Dr. Sharp



*Kasaan  
Manse*

August 14, 1958

Mr. James Von Volkenburg  
Kasaan, Alaska

Dear Mr. Von Volkenburg:

We received your letters concerning the sale of our manse in Kasaan, and referred the matter to the Executive officers for action. We now have a report from them and are authorized to refer this to our legal office for completion of the transaction. You will be hearing from Mr. Lucien Tribus, our attorney, about it.

I have seen the manse within the last two years, and know something about it's condition. We know that it has deteriorated because of lack of use, and damage from some of the people. However, we feel \$250.00 is a rather small price for a house of this size. We feel that \$500.00 would be a more adequate price, but on the other hand, we are not using the building and have no reason to keep it. Since you are the only prospective buyer, we must throw ourselves upon your mercy regarding it. If it were in some other location where we could use it, it would be worth considerably more than the amount which we have suggested, but since it is in Kasaan and cannot be moved, there is not too much we can do about it.

We feel it is worth more, but if you in good conscience feel that \$250.00 is a fair price, we cannot do anything else but accept this. We understand that we do not own the land on which the house stands, and Mr. Tribus will prepare some kind of a legal instrument which will convey the house without the land in the transaction.

Sincerely yours,

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary  
Dept. of Work in Alaska

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CC: The Rev. Brian H. Cleworth, Abiquiu, N.M.  
Mr. L. Tribus

*Signed by B.L.*



